IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 3,   please amend the paragraph starting on line 18 and ending on line 19 as follows:

        Figs. 9 and 10 show, respectively, a longitudinal section[[,]] and a cross section ~~and an~~ ~~end view~~ of the assembled gripper; and

        Fig. 11 is an end view of the assembled gripper.

Page 4,   please amend the paragraph starting on line 18 and ending on line 22 as follows:

        In the intermediate section 17, on the opposite parts of the cylindrical cavity 21 and parallel to it, holes 23 are drilled symmetrically, for example two 20 on each side. From the open side of the cavity 21, in line with the two holes 23 mentioned, and diagonally opposite, ~~centring~~ centering lugs 23' have been shaped, whereas in line with the other two holes 23 there are recesses 23".

Pages 4-5,   please amend the paragraph starting on page 4, line 23 and ending on page 5, line 5 as follows:

        The top shoulders 18 of each shell 15 form a chamber 24 in the manner of a protective cap 34, which on one side is open towards the front shell and on the other has an opening 24'. In the chamber 24 there is a sliding surface 25 at the bottom and on the sides

opposite this, two housings 26. The sliding surface 25 is placed in parallel above the

cylindrical cavity 21 and has at one end, on the open side of said cavity, a half-slot 25'. In

each lateral housing 26 inside the chamber [[26]] 24 is housed a support element 27 to

support the pins or rotation axis 14' of the ears 14.

Pages 5-6,   please amend the paragraph starting on page 5, line 22 and ending on page 6,

               line 3 as follows:

On the side of each geared wheel 31 on the side of the polygonal hub 32, therefore

towards the ear 14, a neck 31' is shaped to which the protective cap 34 is associated. This

cap is shaped to engage at the same time with the neck of the collateral gear ~~wh els~~ wheels

of the two grips. Both above the ~~centre~~ center and below the ends, it has some ~~ov hangs~~

overhangs 35, 36, respectively, facing towards the cap associated with the facing gear

wheels and acting as scrapers for the external surface of the cylindrical section of the grips.

Pages 6-7,   please amend the paragraph starting on page 6, line 4 and ending on page 7,

               line 3 as follows:

For equipping one gripper, the geared wheels 31 are fixed to the opposite sides of

the two grips 14, by the interposition of the protective caps 34 between the geared wheels

and the grips and making sure that the two collateral geared wheels interlock and their

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cylindrical hubs 32' are supported on the support elements 27 as shown in Fig. 3. Then the

drive 13 is linked on one side to the geared wheels 31 and on the other to the piston 12 as

shown in Fig. 4. The drive 13 is positioned with its indexing rack 29 facing towards the

geared wheels 31 on the sides of one of the grips to mesh with them, and is connected to the

piston 12 by means of a drive pin 37 - Figs. 1, 9 and 10. The subassembly assembled in this

way and corresponding to Fig. 4 is then mounted between the two shells 15 positioned

facing each other as shown in Fig. 5. To be precise the piston 12 is made to house in the

cylindrical cavities 21 which are in line, forming together a chamber for the piston, and the

drive pin 37 houses in the slot 25' above said cavities. In this way the drive 13 rests on the

sliding surface 25, the support elements 27 fit into the housings 26 formed by the top

shoulders 18 of the shells themselves and the grips 14 reach into the gaps between said

shoulders. Finally the two shells 15 are fixed to each other by means of bolts 38 and relative

nuts 39 inserted in the holes 23 so as to form a single body encompassing the function

elements of the gripper, as shown in Figs. 6 and 7. With the shells assembled, the lateral ears

19 form with their half-holes 20, housings for the anchoring screws of the gripper on a

support when in use. In each of said housings 20, thanks to the semi-hexagonal recesses 20',

a nut [[20]] 40 can be housed and retained which allows the application of a respective

anchoring screw both from the bottom and the top, according to needs.

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